



Conscious Contact

Prescott Area Intergroup: Serving Central Yavapai County

March 2020

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Third Step

Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we understood Him*.

I was able to admit and accept my powerlessness and unmanageability in step one, which threw me into practicing faith and open mindedness in step two. Two naturally springboards me into step three, making a decision to turn my will and my life over to a power greater than any human power, a God of my life. After all, both the Big Book and 12 & 12 repeatedly state the fact that my “human resources, as marshaled by [my] will, were not sufficient, they failed utterly” (Big Book, p. 45). Clearly beyond any physical aid of my own twisted thinking, I found that all I need to do is engage in yet another surrender manifested by the level of my willingness to apply these principles.

In order to better understand this step, I had to find out what my will and what my life is. I found that my will is my brain, how I think, how I perceive the world I’m in, for the day I’m in. My unaided brain always looks at the world as a really scary place, a place I can’t live in, a place that’s out to get me. When I ask “God to direct [my] thinking” (Big Book, p. 86) in the morning, addressing my untreated alcoholism, my thinking becomes God-directed rather than self-directed. My thought patterns change, for the most part, from fear-based to a loving, solution-based thought life; after all, “my thought life will be placed on a much higher plane when [my] thinking is cleared of [selfish] wrong motives” (Big Book, p 86).

I also learned that my God-directed willingness directly contributes to turning over my life to this Power. My life is how I function in the day I’m in; how I’m treating you, how my outlook for the day can be one of excitement of the prospect of what God has planned next, rather than dreading the day, sitting in fear. Living my life well requires my willingness to apply the principles in the first three steps, for “it is only by action that we can cut away the self-will which has always blocked the entry of God—or, if you like, a Higher Power—into our lives” (12 & 12, p 34). All I need to do is open the door of willingness; I know that self wants to shut the door, but my life always has, and continues to improve, when I “again pick up the key of willingness” (12 & 12, p. 35).

I know this is a “we” program, but the print tells me that the level of my willingness to practice these principles is something “which only the individual can do. All by himself, and in the light of his own circumstances [usually bad] he needs to develop the quality of willingness . . . he is the only one who can make the decision to exert himself” (12 & 12, p 40). My sponsor can’t do this for me, nor can the group—it’s up to me and my Creator. Given the light of my circumstances, which are usually dire, I am all in—I want to continuously develop the quality of willingness as if my life depended on it, because it does.

Greg S.

Primary Purpose

We may hear a lot in meetings, or usually we will hear it said in the readings passed out before discussion actually begins, “Our primary purpose is to STAY SOBER, and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.” This doesn’t necessarily have to mean working with a newcomer, or even another alcoholic. It can simply mean another human being on the planet.

This has been a fast moving, rather chaotic time in my life. My identical twin passed away of alcoholism four months ago, and just last week one of my closest friends lost her husband to cancer, and another friend lost her daughter to an overdose. This could be a morbid time in my life, but as with everything else, I have learned to lean on my Higher Power, and be of utmost service to those around me. In fact, everything in my sobriety has trained me for that. I was told early on to be of service. Of course in the beginning that meant setting up chairs or making coffee or holding a commitment like secretary, treasurer or literature person. But as the years have gone by, that’s transitioned into anything I can do in ANY situation – i.e. opening a door and keeping it open if a frail person is coming in behind me or someone with parcels in their hands or a small child needs assistance. Opening and holding open a door is a metaphor for something larger.

In traffic it can be as simple as letting someone’s car in at a congested intersection or busy freeway lane. In a parking lot it can be having patience as someone has a difficult time getting in or out of a parking place causing you to have to wait as they maneuver. Sobriety doesn’t just mean abstaining from taking a drink or some other mood-altering chemical. It is the peace that comes with the serenity of being in God’s world, not mine. In God’s time – not mine.

An experience I had recently involved getting to someone far away – at peak traffic time. A friend in an unimaginably difficult situation needed me two hours away in a part of the state I did not know at all. I prayed to God and somehow got where I needed to be, and still made a scheduled flight out of the airport on time and with time to spare. Instead of agonizing that I couldn’t possibly get to my friend in time, and get my own needs met, I prayed, and somehow had the confidence NOT to agonize, but just GO, and DO, what I needed to do. Then commitments that I had in another city went exactly right. What used to happen, to my amazement, now simply happens because I recognize that God is in charge. Now I realize it as it is happening.

So my Primary Purpose remains that I simply do what I’m supposed to do, be what I’m supposed to be, and let God take care of the rest. Often that means it’s simply to help another person.

Stephanie Voss

2020 ROUNDUP LOGO CONTEST

Enter to win a T-Shirt printed with
Your artwork, plus free admission to the
35th Annual

Prescott Shoestring Roundup

October 9th – 11th, 2020

Your artwork could become a part of
Prescott AA history!

Submit entries to:

- prescottaa@prescottaa.org
- Or, drop it off at Prescott Area Intergroup
240 S. Montezuma #108

DEADLINE APRIL 30th, 2020

Prescott Area Intergroup's January 2020 Treasurer's Report

GROUP DONATIONS	Jan-20
A Way Out Group	\$49.00
AZ AA Women's Conference	\$500.00
Bradshaw Seniors Meeting	\$105.50
Coming Home	\$25.00
Crazy Birds	\$40.00
Early Risers Receive The Message	\$20.00
Friday Big Book Solutions	\$160.00
Healing the Hole in the Soul	\$67.40
Intergroup Meeting	\$40.00
Noon BB Discussion	\$446.19
PV Gut Rap Group	\$10.00
PV Lushes t' Ladies	\$169.25
Sunday Morning AA Solutions	\$240.00
Walking Through Hell	\$20.00
TOTAL GROUP DONATIONS	\$1,892.34
OTHER INCOME	
AA Birthday Gratitude	\$106.00
Literature Sales	\$1,273.85
Chips Etc.	\$424.50
Meeting Directory Sales	\$27.00
Newsletter Sales	\$15.00
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	\$1,846.35
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,738.69
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,208.50
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	-\$2,469.81
Total Monies 1/31/20	\$32,399.82
Literature & Chips Value	\$9,407.00

PRAASA

Pacific Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly

Hosted by Area 03 in Tucson, AZ

March 6 - 8, 2020

The Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa
3800 East Sunrise Drive, Tucson, Arizona 85718

www.PRAASA.org

Arizona Area 03

20th Annual Corrections Conference

“20-20: A VISION FOR YOU”

March 20 & 21, 2020

All Saints of the Desert Episcopal Church
9502 W. Hutton Dr., Sun City, AZ

www.area03.org

Correctionsconference@area03.org

30th Annual West Valley Roundup “Rocketed Into the Fourth Dimension”

March 20, 21 & 22, 2020

Lake Pleasant Regional Park

www.westvalleyroundup.com

Kickball Tournament

ASCYPAA & PRESCYPAA

March 28th, 2020, begins at Noon

Kiwanis Park, 6111 S. All American Way, Tempe, AZ

Verde Valley Roundup

April 24th - 26th, 2020

Jackpot Ranch

2025 W Reservation Loop Rd, Camp Verde, AZ

www.verdevalleyroundup.org

10th Annual

AA Women's Gratitude Luncheon

Saturday, May 16th, 2020

Mortimer Farm

12907 East, AZ-169, Dewey, AZ

AA Speakers, Raffles, Food, and Fellowship!

TICKETS ON SALE

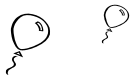
Online registration at

annualgratitudeluncheon.com

For more information

Call Patty 928-533-5045

or Denise 928-515-4065



March AA Birthdays



PV Wed. Nite Step Study

Brian N. 3/16/08

PV Thurs BB Study

Evan C. 3/28/08

PV Fri. Night Speakers

Will L. 3/30/05

PV Noon Group

Marilyn M. 3/01/01

Afterwards Group

Garrett L. 3/18/16

PV Men's Book Study

Wayne V. 3/07/13

Steve P. 3/15/89

PV Sunday Nooners

Fred G. 3/11/96

Denver 3/17/85

PV Keep It Simple

Cassie D. 3/08/07

David R. 3/04/79

Sunday Round Table

JT D. 3/08/11

Sean Mc. 3/17/07

Humboldt Men's Stag

Jeff S. 3/11/13

Ron W. 3/15/06

Jack S. 3/15/91

PV No Name Group

Anne K. 3/18/17

George I. 3/15/16

Brittany W. 3/17/14

Prescott Group

Alex H. 3/26/10

Jeremy O. 3/21/10

Kyleen W. 3/19/06

The Slice of Life

Jack C. 3/23/08

Mike Mc. 3/05/05

Jim W. 3/01/90

Tues Nite Step Study

Terry F. 3/05/07

Don L. 3/19/00

Gail R. 3/06/86

PV Sun. No Name Grp

Rayburn 3/03/15

Amanda 3/08/09

Grover C. 3/12/07

Matt B. 3/04/07

Park Ave

Lauren M. 3/30/05

Jerry D. 3/31/97

Dutch H. 3/16/84

Bill W. 3/11/83

Alternatives

Sarah 3/30/09

Susan K. 3/30/09

Judy H. 3/15/88

Tomme C. 3/18/80

Toolbox Group

Kim S. 3/25/17

Janet S. 3/03/08

Lauren M. 3/30/05

Kathi M. 3/26/03

Park Ave

Stacy B. 3/18/19

Michael 3/13/17

Greg P. 3/03/17

Elizabeth H. 3/31/97

Dutch H. 3/16/84

Chino Valley

Valerie R. 3/01/14

Gustavo M. 3/23/11

Mike D. 3/10/06

George B. 3/27/96

Kathy W. 3/16/92

Scott B. 3/29/89

Sun Morn Men's Stag

Frank S. 3/17/05

John O. 3/13/05

Gary R. 3/31/04

Travis B. 3/31/03

Dale B. 3/25/00

John H. 3/13/96

Marshal W. 3/26/94

Michael F. 3/31/76

Serenity @ Sunrise

Finn A. 3/22/18

Jennifer L. 3/20/18

Christina T. 3/12/18

Yanni K. 3/06/18

Lauren S. 3/24/17

Mike C. 3/03/17

Melissa 3/24/16

Gustavo M. 3/23/11

Don L. 3/22/08

Mark P. 3/17/02

Larry G. 3/25/90

Greg B. 3/03/77

Girlie Birds

Linda R. 3/22/19

Laura M. 3/27/17

Lauren S. 3/24/17

Lauren C. 3/15/19

Victoria M. 3/15/17

Melissa M. 3/24/16

Sherrie V. 3/02/12

Joy D. 3/15/90

Lauren HW. 3/28/89

Greta S. 3/03/85

Service Corner

Look back and be grateful.

Look ahead and be hopeful.

Look around and be helpful.

Next Intergroup Meeting:

6:30 pm, Wednesday, March 11, 2020
(the second Wednesday of every month)
at the First Christian Church, 1230 Willow Creek Rd.

Next District 14-140 GSR Meeting

Wednesday, 6:30 pm, March 4, 2020
(the first Wednesday of the month)
at the First Christian Church, 1230 Willow Creek Rd.

Next District 14-142 GSR Meeting

6:30 pm, Tuesday, March 3, 2020
(the first Tuesday of every month)
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 7763 E. Long Look, PV

Prescott Shoestring Roundup Committee

5:30 pm, Friday, March 20, 2020
(the third Friday of each month)
Unity Church, 145 S. Arizona Ave. @ Goodwin

PI / CPC Committee

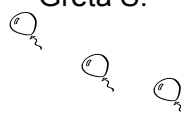
(Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community)
Meetings scheduled as needed
Prescott Area Intergroup, 240 S. Montezuma #108
Contacts: Larry W. (928) 499-2936 or the
Prescott Area Intergroup Office (928) 445-8691.

The Prescott Area Intergroup's Treatment Facilities Committee Meeting

6:45 pm, March 4 & 18, 2020
(the first and third Wednesday of the month)
Treehouse, 635 1st St., Prescott
For information on how you can be of service on this
committee please call Tom M. (561) 389-3232

The Prescott Area Intergroup's Correctional Facilities Committee

For Yavapai County Juvenile Justice Center AA meeting
information call Jerry D. 928 636-9343





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